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1. [REDACTED] General Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua is likely to stage a coup d'etat at any time. Somoza may simply accept President Roman's resignation, or oust him with the explanation that a change is necessary because of the precarious economic situation that now exists in Nicaragua.

2. [REDACTED] Somoza has described Roman's supporters as thieves and spongers. [REDACTED] Roman was unusually despondent during an interview on [REDACTED]. The President said that there would probably be changes in the cabinet soon, but that he did not know what they would be.

3. Should Somoza decide to govern in name as well as in fact, the change would cause little stir locally. The opposition has practically given up, and [REDACTED] no action was likely to be taken against Somoza for many months. [REDACTED] the oppositionists missed their chance when they postponed a coup planned for December 1948.

4. Some oppositionist exiles are returning to Nicaragua, but [REDACTED] that there were no indications of an imminent return by General Emiliano Chamorro, exiled Nicaraguan Conservative leader.\* 25X1A

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that Chamorro would return to Nicaragua if nothing was done by [REDACTED] to oust Somoza, and that Chamorro's presence in Nicaragua would greatly enhance oppositionist plans. 25X1A

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